

Stakeholder Update

Assembly Bill 97 (AB 97) Ten Percent Pharmacy Payment Reductions and State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-014

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This stakeholder update is to notify providers that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has reviewed all [AB 97 Pharmacy Provider Exemption Applications](#) received and postmarked by the May 31, 2014 cutoff. As stated on the DHCS Pharmacy Benefits Division's [AB 97 provider exemption webpage](#), applications received and postmarked on or before May 31, 2014 will be given exemption consideration retroactive to June 01, 2011; applications postmarked after May 31, 2014 will be given consideration for exemption effective the first day of the quarter in which they were received.

Providers who submitted an application by May 31, 2014 will be notified of DHCS's determination via first class mail within the next few weeks. For all matters concerning the AB 97 payment reductions, providers are encouraged to check the [AB 97 webpage](#) regularly for exemption updates.

Note: DHCS will continue to accept and review pharmacy provider exemption applications on an ongoing basis.

To contact Pharmacy Benefits Division with questions about AB 97 pharmacy payment reductions and exemptions, please send an email to: AB97pharmacy@dhcs.ca.gov.